

# GOVERNOR PENCE'S ROADMAP SUCCESS

# FACT SHEET

## JOBS & ECONOMY

**Business personal property tax:** Can now phase out business personal property tax, a competitive advantage for Indiana, done in a fiscally responsible way

- Allows counties the option of phasing out their business personal property tax by eliminating the tax on new investment
- Allows counties the choice to offer specific companies an extended abatement of the tax
- Establishes a comprehensive study commission to look at business taxation broadly
- Lowers the corporate tax rate from 6.5% in 2016 to 4.9% in 2022 which will give Indiana the 3rd lowest corporate tax rate in the nation, up from 25th
- Will save Hoosier job-creators \$185 million per year when fully implemented

**Entrepreneurship:** Creates new fundraising tools for entrepreneurs

- Aligns state and federal restrictions on selling equity, making it easier for entrepreneurs to raise money
- Makes online crowdfunding possible in Indiana, so entrepreneurs can raise capital in smaller amounts from a larger number of individual investors

**Road funding:** \$400 million for next generation highway expansion, which allows for new infrastructure projects and new jobs for Hoosiers now

- Makes \$200 million available now, which we will put to work immediately
- Another \$200 million will be available after December 2014 revenue forecasts
- Will create an estimated 9,800 jobs and expand lane capacity on major highways, preserving our role as the Crossroads of America

**Regional Cities:** Study through IEDC to analyze and recommend quality of life improvements to our state's regional cities

- Will recommend improvements known to attract new residents, workers and businesses, and also assess the best private sector financing mechanisms to ensure long-term sustainability

## PROGRESS TO DATE

Since January 2013...

\*Governor Pence signed \$643 million in annual tax relief into law

- \$313 million from the 5% income tax reduction
- \$170 million from the reduction of the corporate tax from 6.5% to 4.9%
- \$125 million from the elimination of the death tax
- \$35 million for Indiana's financial institutions

\*Created 50,000 jobs

\*Unemployment has fallen from 7.9% to 5.9%

\*\$800 million in new money dedicated for roads

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## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

**Pre-K pilot:** First-ever state money for voluntary pre-K education for low-income students

- Five-county, voluntary pilot program for approximately 1,500 low-income students
- Dollars follow the children
- Administered by FSSA much like current child care voucher program
- Includes a longitudinal study of effectiveness of pre-K for children in the programs

**Charter school network funding:** Treats charter operators the same as school districts

- Funding for school corporations is determined at the corporation and not at the school level
- Allows a charter operator with multiple campuses to manage one budget for the entire group of schools, and not per school as under previous law

**Adult high schools:** Lifts the cap on adult high schools so more Hoosiers can be served by outstanding programs such as the Goodwill Excel centers

**Career and technical education study:** New return-on-investment study of how effectively we are using the \$100 million in state and federal funds on career and technical education in Indiana

**Turnaround schools:** Provides guidance for the end of State Board intervention for “turnaround academies”

- Permits the State Board to return the school to the school corporation, to direct the management team to apply to a charter school authorizer to turn the school into a charter school, or to implement a new intervention
- Allows a turnaround academy that is turned into a charter school to continue to use its facilities

**Adult job skills:** New program for adults needing to upgrade their skills beyond a high school degree for today's high-wage, high-demand jobs

- Makes 50% of part-time student aid grants and a substantial portion of federal workforce funds available to adults in this program
- Will be performance-based and reward providers for connecting participants to work
- Will be demand-driven as providers will offer training for current jobs in the marketplace

## PROGRESS FOR FAMILIES

\***Military Family Relief Fund:** 26,000 Hoosier veterans and families now eligible to get help through Military Family Relief Fund, which provides grants for food, housing, utilities, transportation, and medical expenses

\***Adoption tax credit:** Creates an adoption tax credit up to \$1,000 per adopted child